



# Special Education in Action

Engaging Stakeholders through  
Communities of Practices and Program Development



## Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf

### "Community Partnerships Strengthen Career and Technical Education (CTE) for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing"

The Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf has established partnerships with Mercer County Technical School and The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) to integrate Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming for secondary students. Additionally, students in this program have utilized compensatory education services as a means of expanding exploration and engagement. These partnerships have placed emphasis on transition planning and successful post-school outcomes. In recent years, Katzenbach students have landed culinary positions at TCNJ and a position with the Department of Transportation as an automotive program graduate.

To provide accommodations, a Certified Teacher of the Deaf accompanies the students to their CTE programs each morning. The students engage independently while the teacher navigates the instructional content of the trade right alongside the student. When they arrive back at Katzenbach, the Certified Teacher, who is fluent in American Sign Language (ASL), reinforces the content to deliver a multi-modality approach to accelerate career-readiness. This provides comprehensive support and establishes the opportunity for life-long, independent success.

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